

## **ENGROSSED** SENATE BILL No. 562

DIGEST OF SB 562 (Updated April 4, 2007 3:52 pm - DI 107)

Citations Affected: IC 23-14; IC 30-2; IC 34-30; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Authorization procedures for disinterment. Provides that the remains of a deceased human being shall not be removed from a cemetery without written consent from one of the following classes of individuals, in order of priority: (1) The spouse at the time of the deceased's death. (2) A surviving adult child of the deceased. (3) A surviving parent of the deceased. (3) An individual in the next degree of kinship to the deceased under state laws governing intestate succession. (Current law requires the written consent of the deceased's: (1) spouse; or (2) in the case of a deceased minor child, parents.) Specifies that if more than one individual in the same class survives the deceased, the requirement for written consent is satisfied if: (1) any individual in the class consents to the proposed removal; and (2) the state department of health (department) does not receive an objection to the removal from any other individual in the class. Makes conforming changes to provisions allowing: (1) the required consent to (Continued next page)

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and

Givil Matters.
February 20, 2007, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 26, 2007, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
February 27, 2007, read third time, passed. Yeas 47, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION
March 6, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human

April 5, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass.



### Digest Continued

be waived under certain circumstances; (2) a coal company to remove human remains from property owned or leased by the coal company; and (3) the removal of human remains from a cemetery plot for the purpose of autopsy or reinterment, reentombment, or reinurnment in another cemetery. Eliminates provisions requiring the department to take certain actions before authorizing the removal of human remains. Provides that a: (1) licensed funeral director; or (2) cemetery owner; is not liable in an action brought by a person because of the removal of a deceased's remains unless the licensed funeral director or the cemetery owner had actual notice that a representation made in a required written consent was untrue. Specifies the order of need for a family burial plot and allows the living parents and children to terminate the status of a family burial plot. Allows a cemetery to terminate the rights and interests of the owner of the burial space if the burial space has: (1) remained unused for a period of at least 50 years from the date of sale or last recorded designation or transfer; and (2) not had improvements on the burial space. Makes it a Class C felony if a person knowingly or intentionally uses funds in a perpetual care fund, endowment care fund, or funeral trust for purposes other than the perpetual care fund, endowment fund, or funeral trust was established.





### First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

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# ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 562

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning business and other associations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 23-14-41-4	IS	AMENDED	TO	READ	AS
FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1	, 200	07]: Sec. 4. (a)	In a	family b	ırial
plot:					

- (1) one (1) grave, crypt, or niche may be used for the record owner's interment, entombment, or inurnment;
- (2) after the record owner's interment, entombment, or inurnment, one (1) grave, crypt, or niche may be used for the surviving spouse of the record owner; and
- (3) in the spaces remaining, if any, the parents and children of the deceased record owner, in order of need, may be interred, entombed, or inurned without the consent of any person claiming an interest in the family burial plot.
- (b) If there is no parent or child who survives the deceased record owner, the right of interment, entombment, or inurnment in a family burial plot shall go
  - (1) first, in order of need, to the spouse of any child of the deceased record owner; and

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1	(2) second, in order of need to:
2	(A) (1) the heirs at law of the deceased record owner, or the
3	spouse of the heir if the heir is already interred, entombed, or
4	inurned, as specified by the statutes of descent; or
5	(B) (2) the spouse of any heir at law of the deceased record
6	owner.
7	SECTION 2. IC 23-14-41-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
8	AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
9	1, 2007]: Sec. 7. If a family burial plot has been established under
10	section 3 of this chapter and all the living children and parents of
11	the deceased record owner consent in writing, the status as a family
12	burial plot may be terminated and the remaining lots may be
13	transferred, conveyed, or sold to the cemetery owner or any other
14	person designated in the agreement.
15	SECTION 3. IC 23-14-47-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
16	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 3. The fee that a
17	cemetery owner charges for services in connection with the installation
18	or use of commodities in the cemetery shall be the same to all
19	regardless of who furnishes the commodities. However, a cemetery
20	owner may reserve for itself the exclusive right to furnish services in
21	connection with the installation or use of commodities in the cemetery.
22	SECTION 4. IC 23-14-48-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
23	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as
24	provided in subsection subsections (b) and (c), a person who
25	knowingly violates this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.
26	(b) A person who makes a false or fraudulent representation as to
27	the existence, amount, investment, control, or condition of a perpetual
28	care fund of a cemetery for the purpose of inducing another to purchase
29	any burial right commits a Class C infraction.
30	(c) A person who knowingly or intentionally uses funds in a
31	perpetual care fund or an endowment care fund established under
32	this chapter for purposes other than the perpetual care of the
33	cemetery for which the perpetual care fund or endowment fund
34	was established commits a Class C felony.
35	SECTION 5. IC 23-14-57-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
36	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this
37	section, "removal" or "removed" refers to the disinterment,
38	disentombment, or disinurnment of the remains of a deceased human.
39	(b) Except as provided in subsection (e) and sections 4 and 5 of
40	this chapter, the remains, either cremated or uncremated, of a
41	deceased human shall not be removed from a cemetery without:



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(1) a written order:

1	(A) that is issued by the state department of health; and	
2	(B) that authorizes the removal of the deceased's remains;	
3	(2) the written consent of:	
4	(A) the owner of the cemetery; or	
5	(B) the owner's representative; and	
6	(3) the written consent of a person or persons referred to in one	
7	(1) of the following clauses, which are listed according to	
8	priority:	
9	(A) The individual who was the spouse of the deceased at	
10	the time of the deceased's death. <del>or</del>	
11	(B) the parents of the deceased in the case of a deceased minor	
12	<del>child;</del>	
13	authorizing the disinterment, disentombment, or disinurnment.	
14	(B) The surviving adult child of the deceased. If there is	
15	more than one (1) surviving adult child of the deceased, the	
16	requirement for written consent under this subdivision is	
17	satisfied if:	
18	(i) any one (1) of the surviving adult children provides	
19	written consent to the removal of the deceased's	
20	remains;	
21	(ii) the consent provided under item (i) confirms that all	
22	other surviving adult children of the deceased have been	
23	notified of the proposed removal of the deceased's	
24	remains; and	_
25	(iii) the state department of health does not receive a	
26	written objection to the proposed removal from any of	
27	the deceased's surviving adult children.	
28	(C) The surviving parent of the deceased. If the deceased	<b>\</b>
29	is survived by both parents, the requirement for written	
30	consent under this subdivision is satisfied if:	
31	(i) either surviving parent provides written consent to	
32	the removal of the deceased's remains; and	
33	(ii) the state department of health does not receive a	
34	written objection to the proposed removal from the other	
35	surviving parent.	
36	(D) The individual in the next degree of kinship to the	
37	deceased under IC 29-1-2-1. If more than one (1)	
38	individual of the same degree of kinship is surviving, the	
39	requirement for written consent under this subdivision is	
40	satisfied if:	
41	(i) any individual of that degree of kinship provides	
42	written consent to the removal of the deceased's	



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1 2	remains; and (ii) the state department of health does not receive a
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3 4	written objection to the proposed removal from any
5	other surviving individual in the same degree of kinship.
6	(c) Before issuing a written authorization under subsection (b), the state department of health shall do the following:
7	(1) Obtain written evidence of the legal ownership of the property
8	from which the remains will be removed.
9	(2) Send written notice to the department of natural resources,
10	division of historic preservation and archeology, of the time, date,
11	and place from which the remains will be removed.
12	(3) (1) Obtain written evidence that a licensed funeral director has
13	agreed to:
14	(A) be present at the removal and at the reinterment,
15	reentombment, or reinurnment of the remains; and
16	(B) cause the completed order of the state department of health
17	to be recorded in the office of the county recorder of the
18	county where the removal occurred. occurs.
19	(4) Obtain written evidence that a notice of the proposed removal
20	has been published at least five (5) days before a written order is
21	issued by the state department of health in a newspaper of general
22	circulation in the county where the removal will occur.
23	<del>(5)</del> <b>(2)</b> Obtain a copy of:
24	(A) the written consent required under subsection (b)(3); or
25	(B) a court order obtained by a person under subsection (d).
26	(d) If the written consent of
27	(1) the spouse of the deceased; or
28	(2) the parents of the deceased in the case of a deceased minor;
29	an individual authorized under subsection (b)(3) to give consent is
30	not available, a person who has made a request under this section to the
31	state department of health may petition a court to determine whether to
32	waive the consent requirement of subsection (b)(3). In determining
33	whether to waive the requirement, the court shall consider the
34	viewpoint of any issue (as defined in IC 29-1-1-3) of the deceased. In
35	a proceeding under this subsection, the court may not order the
36	disinterment, disentombment, or disinurnment of the remains of a
37	deceased human.
38	(e) This subsection applies only if the human remains are on
39	property owned or leased by a coal company. The remains, either
40	cremated or uncremated, of a deceased human may be removed from

a cemetery by a coal company if the coal company obtains a court order authorizing the disinterment, disentombment, or disinurnment. Before



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1	issuing a court order under this subsection, a court must conduct a
2	hearing and be satisfied as to the following:
3	(1) That the property is owned or leased by the coal company.
4	(2) That the coal company has obtained the written consent of
5	(A) the spouse of the deceased; or
6	(B) the parents of the deceased in the case of a deceased minor
7	<del>child;</del>
8	authorizing the disinterment, disentombment, or disinurnment. an
9	individual authorized to give consent under subsection (b)(3).
10	If the consent of an individual authorized to give consent under
11	subsection (b)(3) is not available, the court may waive the
12	requirement after considering the viewpoint of any issue (as
13	defined in IC 29-1-1-3) of the deceased.
14	(3) That the department of natural resources, division of historic
15	preservation and archeology, has received at least five (5) days
16	written notice of the time, date, and place of any hearing under
17	this subsection. The notice must describe the proposed place from
18	which the remains will be removed.
19	(4) That a licensed funeral director has agreed to:
20	(A) be present at the removal and at the reinterment,
21	reentombment, or reinurnment of the remains; and
22	(B) cause the completed order of the state department of health
23	to be recorded in the office of the county recorder of the
24	county where the removal occurred. occurs.
25	(5) That the coal company has caused a notice of the proposed
26	removal to be published at least five (5) days before the hearing
27	in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the
28	removal will occur.
29	(6) That the coal company will notify the department of natural
30	resources, division of historic preservation and archeology, after
31	the hearing of the proposed time and date when the remains will
32	be removed.
33	(f) A:
34	(1) licensed funeral director; or
35	(2) cemetery owner;
36	is not liable in an action brought by any person because of the
37	removal of a deceased's remains under a written consent described
38	in subsection (b)(3) or (e)(2) unless the licensed funeral director or
39	the cemetery owner had actual notice before or at the time of the
40	removal that a representation made in the consent described in
41	subsection (b)(3) or (e)(2) was untrue.
42	(f) (g) The state department of health may adopt rules under



1	IC 4-22-2 to implement this section.	
2	SECTION 6. IC 23-14-57-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
3	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 5. (a) The remains of	
4	a deceased human interred, entombed, or inurned in a plot in a	
5	cemetery may be removed from the plot for the purpose of autopsy or	
6	reinterment, reentombment, or reinurnment in another cemetery with:	
7	(1) the consent of the owner of the cemetery; and	
8	(2) the written consent of	
9	(A) the surviving spouse in the case of a deceased married	
10	<del>person; or</del>	4
11	(B) the surviving parents in the case of a deceased minor child.	
12	an individual authorized to give consent under section 1(b)(3)	
13	of this chapter.	
14	(b) If the consent of:	
15	(1) the owner of the cemetery; or	
16	(2) a person from whom consent is required under subsection	4
17	(a)(2);	•
18	can not cannot be obtained, the remains of a deceased human can be	
19	removed for the purpose of autopsy or reinterment, reentombment, or	
20	reinurnment in another cemetery only under a judgment of the circuit	
21	or superior court with jurisdiction in the county in which the cemetery	
22	is located.	
23	SECTION 7. IC 23-14-58.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE	
24	AS A <b>NEW</b> CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	•
25	JULY 1, 2007]:	
26	Chapter 58.5. Disposition of Abandoned Burial Spaces	
27	Sec. 1. (a) Subject to this chapter, if a burial space in a cemetery	1
28	that is subject to IC 23-14-41 or any other Indiana law:	
29	(1) has remained unused for a period of at least fifty (50)	
30	years from the date of sale or last recorded designation or	
31	transfer; and	
32	(2) has no improvements on the burial space, including the	
33	placement of a monument, memorial, or other permanent	
34	appurtenance;	
35	the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery may	
36	terminate the rights and interests of the owner of the burial space.	
37	(b) After July 1, 2007, a contract for the purchase of a burial	
38	space must include notice that the contract is subject to	
39	termination as provided in subsection (a).	
40	Sec. 2. (a) If the person or entity having jurisdiction over the	
41	cemetery:	
42	(1) desires to terminate the rights and interests of the owner	



1	of the burial space; and
2	(2) determines that the conditions specified in section 1 of this
3	chapter have been met;
4	the person or entity must send to the owner a notice of the intent
5	to terminate the owner's rights to the burial space.
6	(b) The notice required under subsection (a) must be sent by
7	certified mail with return receipt requested to the owner's last
8	known address.
9	Sec. 3. (a) An owner who has received a termination notice
10	under section 2 of this chapter may inform the person or entity
11	having jurisdiction over the cemetery of the owner's continued
12	intent to use the burial space. If the person or entity having
13	jurisdiction over the cemetery has been informed of the owner's
14	intent, the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery
15	may not terminate the rights and interests of the owner of the
16	burial space.
17	(b) An owner who has received a termination notice under
18	section 2 of this chapter may request the person or entity having
19	jurisdiction over the cemetery to purchase the burial space for the
20	amount originally paid for the burial space.
21	Sec. 4. (a) If the person or entity having jurisdiction over the
22	cemetery has not received a response from the owner of the burial
23	space within sixty (60) days after sending the notice required in
24	section 2 of this chapter, the person or entity having jurisdiction
25	over the cemetery shall advertise in a newspaper of general
26	circulation in the county of the owner's last known address seeking
27	the owner's current address.
28	(b) If a new address for the owner of the burial space is obtained
29	after the advertising required in subsection (a), the notice
30	requirement under section 2 of this chapter must be repeated.
31	(c) If the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery
32	has not received a response regarding the owner of the burial space
33	within sixty (60) days after placing the advertisement required in
34	subsection (a), the owner's rights and interests in the burial space
35	are terminated. After the rights and interests in a burial space are
36	terminated under this chapter, the person or entity having
37	jurisdiction over the cemetery may sell a burial space to a new
38	owner.
39	(d) If the owner of a burial space contacts the person or entity

having jurisdiction over the cemetery after the owner's rights and

interests in the burial space are terminated under this chapter, the owner is entitled to select one (1) of the following remedies:



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	(1) The original burial space, if it has not been resold.
	(2) If a person or an entity having jurisdiction over the
	cemetery has resold the burial space, reimbursement for the
	amount for which the burial space was resold minus the
	following:
	(A) The costs paid by the person or entity having
	jurisdiction over the cemetery in providing notice and
	advertising as required under this chapter.
	(B) The sales commission costs in the resale of the burial
	space.
	(3) A comparable burial space in the cemetery.
	Sec. 5. A person who:
	(1) knowingly terminates an owner's rights and interests in a
	burial space;
	(2) knows or should have known the identity of the owner;
	and
	(3) fails to give the owner notice as required under this
	chapter;
c	ommits a Class A misdemeanor.
	SECTION 8. IC 30-2-9-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
_	EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in
	<b>ibsection (b),</b> a person who violates this chapter or makes any false
	nd fraudulent report required under this chapter commits a Class B
m	isdemeanor.
_	(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally uses funds in a
	ineral trust established under this chapter for purposes other
	an the purposes required under this chapter commits a Class C
fe	elony.
_	SECTION 9. IC 30-2-10-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
	OLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as
-	rovided in subsection (b), a person who knowingly violates this
cł	napter commits a Class A misdemeanor.
	(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally uses funds in a
	ineral trust established under this chapter for purposes other
	an the purposes required under this chapter commits a Class C
fe	clony.
~	SECTION 10. IC 34-30-2-91.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
	ODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
_	EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 91.2. IC 23-14-57-1 (Concerning
	censed funeral directors and cemetery owners for the removal of uman remains performed upon authorization of next of kin).

SECTION 11. IC 34-30-2-91.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



1 2	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: <b>Sec. 91.3. IC 23-14-57-3 (Concerning</b>	
3	cemetery owners for the removal of human remains from a plot,	
4 5	building, or structure for which the purchase price is past due and	
5 6	unpaid). SECTION 12. IC 34-30-2-91.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA	
7	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS	
8	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 91.4. IC 23-14-57-8 (Concerning	
9	cemetery owners for the removal or reinterment, reentombment,	
10	or reinurnment of human remains).	
11	SECTION 13. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 23-14-58.5-5, as	
12	added by this act, applies only to acts committed after June 30,	
13	2007.	
14	SECTION 14. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 23-14-48-9,	
15	IC 30-2-9-7, and IC 30-2-10-9, all as amended by this act, apply	
16	only to acts committed after June 30, 2007.	
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### SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Smith S be added as second author of Senate Bill 562.

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### COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 562, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 23-14-41-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 4. (a) In a family burial plot:

- (1) one (1) grave, crypt, or niche may be used for the record owner's interment, entombment, or inurnment;
- (2) after the record owner's interment, entombment, or inurnment, one (1) grave, crypt, or niche may be used for the surviving spouse of the record owner; and
- (3) in the spaces remaining, if any, the parents and children of the deceased record owner, in order of need, may be interred, entombed, or inurned without the consent of any person claiming an interest in the family burial plot.
- (b) If there is no parent or child who survives the deceased record owner, the right of interment, entombment, or inurnment in a family burial plot shall go
  - (1) first, in order of need, to the spouse of any child of the deceased record owner; and
  - (2) second, in order of need to:
  - (A) (1) the heirs at law of the deceased record owner, or the spouse of the heir if the heir is already interred, entombed, or inurned, as specified by the statutes of descent; or
  - (B) (2) the spouse of any heir at law of the deceased record owner.

SECTION 2. IC 23-14-41-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY

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1, 2007]: Sec. 7. If a family burial plot has been established under section 3 of this chapter and all the living children and parents of the deceased record owner consent in writing, the status as a family burial plot may be terminated and the remaining lots may be transferred, conveyed, or sold to the cemetery owner or any other person designated in the agreement.

SECTION 3. IC 23-14-47-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 3. The fee that a cemetery owner charges for services in connection with the installation or use of commodities in the cemetery shall be the same to all regardless of who furnishes the commodities. However, a cemetery owner may reserve for itself the exclusive right to furnish services in connection with the installation or use of commodities in the cemetery."

Page 5, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 6. IC 23-14-58.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]:

Chapter 58.5. Disposition of Abandoned Burial Spaces

Sec. 1. (a) Subject to this chapter, if a burial space in a cemetery that is subject to IC 23-14-41 or any other Indiana law:

- (1) has remained unused for a period of at least fifty (50) years from the date of sale or last recorded designation or transfer; and
- (2) has no improvements on the burial space, including the placement of a monument, memorial, or other permanent appurtenance;

the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery may terminate the rights and interests of the owner of the burial space.

- (b) After July 1, 2007, a contract for the purchase of a burial space must include notice that the contract is subject to termination as provided in subsection (a).
- Sec. 2. (a) If the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery:
  - (1) desires to terminate the rights and interests of the owner of the burial space; and
  - (2) determines that the conditions specified in section 1 of this chapter have been met;

the person or entity must send to the owner a notice of the intent to terminate the owner's rights to the burial space.

(b) The notice required under subsection (a) must be sent by certified mail with return receipt requested to the owner's last









known address.

- Sec. 3. (a) An owner who has received a termination notice under section 2 of this chapter may inform the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery of the owner's continued intent to use the burial space. If the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery has been informed of the owner's intent, the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery may not terminate the rights and interests of the owner of the burial space.
- (b) An owner who has received a termination notice under section 2 of this chapter may request the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery to purchase the burial space for the amount originally paid for the burial space.
- Sec. 4. (a) If the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery has not received a response from the owner of the burial space within sixty (60) days after sending the notice required in section 2 of this chapter, the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery shall advertise in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the owner's last known address seeking the owner's current address.
- (b) If a new address for the owner of the burial space is obtained after the advertising required in subsection (a), the notice requirement under section 2 of this chapter must be repeated.
- (c) If the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery has not received a response regarding the owner of the burial space within sixty (60) days after placing the advertisement required in subsection (a), the owner's rights and interests in the burial space are terminated. After the rights and interests in a burial space are terminated under this chapter, the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery may sell a burial space to a new owner.
- (d) If the owner of a burial space contacts the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery after the owner's rights and interests in the burial space are terminated under this chapter, the owner is entitled to select one (1) of the following remedies:
  - (1) The original burial space, if it has not been resold.
  - (2) Reimbursement of the amount originally paid for the burial space.
  - (3) A comparable burial space in the cemetery.
  - Sec. 5. A person who:
    - (1) knowingly terminates an owner's rights and interests in a burial space;







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- (2) knows or should have known the identity of the owner; and
- (3) fails to give the owner notice as required under this chapter;

commits a Class B misdemeanor.".

Page 5, after line 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 10. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 23-14-58.5-5, as added by this act, applies only to acts committed after June 30, 2007."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 562 as introduced.)

STEELE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill 562, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 4. IC 23-14-48-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in subsection subsections (b) and (c), a person who knowingly violates this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.

- (b) A person who makes a false or fraudulent representation as to the existence, amount, investment, control, or condition of a perpetual care fund of a cemetery for the purpose of inducing another to purchase any burial right commits a Class C infraction.
- (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally uses funds in a perpetual care fund or an endowment care fund established under this chapter for purposes other than the perpetual care of the cemetery for which the perpetual care fund or endowment fund was established commits a Class C felony.".

Page 7, line 31, delete "Reimbursement of the amount originally paid for the" and insert "If a person or an entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery has resold the burial space, reimbursement for the amount for which the burial space was resold minus the

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following:

- (A) The costs paid by the person or entity having jurisdiction over the cemetery in providing notice and advertising as required under this chapter.
- (B) The sales commission costs in the resale of the burial space.".

Page 7, delete line 32.

Page 7, line 41, delete "Class B misdemeanor." and insert "Class A misdemeanor.".

Page 7, between lines 41 and 42, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 8. IC 30-2-9-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who violates this chapter or makes any false and fraudulent report required under this chapter commits a Class B misdemeanor.

(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally uses funds in a funeral trust established under this chapter for purposes other than the purposes required under this chapter commits a Class C felony.

SECTION 9. IC 30-2-10-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who knowingly violates this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally uses funds in a funeral trust established under this chapter for purposes other than the purposes required under this chapter commits a Class C felony.".

Page 8, after line 18, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 13. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] IC 23-14-48-9, IC 30-2-9-7, and IC 30-2-10-9, all as amended by this act, apply only to acts committed after June 30, 2007.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 562 as printed February 21, 2007.)

SUMMERS, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.







